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An article on crop progress in the southern part of the USSR, as of 10 September, contained following information:

The weather is warm and sunny in the southern part of the USSR. Daytime temperatures rise to 25-30 degrees. Harvesting of spiked grain crops has been completed in the Ukraine, Moldavia, Severo-Osetinskaya ASSR, Krasnodarskiy Kray, the Crimea, and Groznyy Oblast. The last hectares of grain are being harvested in the foothill regions of Stavropol'skiy Kray, Dagestanskaya ASSR, and Kabardinskaya ASSR. Almost 75 percent of all spiked grain crops were harvested by combine.

Harvesting of millet is in general progress; more than one third of the crop has already been harvested. In the Ukraine, the buckwheat harvest is half finished. Harvesting of sunflowers has begun in many areas. Kolkhozes are also harvesting beans, peas, chick-peas, and vetches. Sugar beets and cotton are maturing. (1)

Estonian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for grain and flax harvesting, fodder procurement, and sowing of winter crops in kolchozes of the republic, as of 10 September:

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Oblast	Grain Crops Reaped	Grain Crops Threshed	Flax Pulled	Hay Procured	Ensilage Procured	Winter Crops Sown
Pyarnuskaya	46	35	33	54	71	38
Tallinskaya	41	32	33	53	76	49
Tartuskaya	39	40	52	50	75	45

As of 10 September, the percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for grain procurement was as follows in oblasts of the republic: Pyarnuskaya Oblast, 42.6; Tallinskaya Oblast, 32.6; and Tartuskaya Oblast, 47.1. (2)

Lithuanian SSR

As of 10 September, the percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for grain procurement was as follows in kolkhozes of the republic: Kaunasskaya Oblast, 51.2; Klaypedskaya Oblast, 46.8; Shyaulyskaya Oblast, 55.1; and Vil'nyusskaya Oblast, 58.8. (3)

Belorussian SSR

An article by I. Krivodubskiy, Chief, Agricultural Division, Gosplan Belorussian SSR, titled "Convert the Poles'ye Swamps Into Fertile Fields and Meadows" contained the following information:

The Poles'ye Lowland covers almost all of 14 oblasts in the Belorussian and Ukrainian SSR: Poles'skaya, Pinskaya, Baranovich'skaya, Brestskaya, Bobruyskaya, Gomel'skaya, Minskaya, Volynskaya, Rovenskaya, Zhitomirskaya, Kievskaya, Tarnopol'skaya, Chernigovskaya, and L'vovskaya. The Pripyat' River flows through the middle of the lowland. Its tributaries include more than 20 comparatively large rivers, including the Yasel'da, the Ptich', the Goryn', the Pina, the Styr', the Uborot', the Sluch', the Lan', the Tremlya, and more than 80 small rivers. In their basins, there are vast, impassable swamps.

Within the Poles'ye Lowland, there are more than 5 million hectares of swamps and marshy land, almost one fourth of the entire area. More than 4 million hectares of swamps and marshy land are found within the Belorussian portion of the Poles'ye Lowland.

In many areas of Poles'skaya, Pinskaya, and other oblasts, up to 60 percent of the land is swampy; frequently, not more than 20-25 percent of the swampy land is being used for agricultural purposes. Natural meadows and pastures are mostly covered with weeds and the coarse fodder collected from them is of poor quality.

Agriculture can develop in this area only as a result of general drainage measures. Extensive work in this direction is envisaged in the new Fifth Five-Year Plan. Under the Soviet regime, up to 1941, 270,000 hectares of swamps and marshy land had been drained in Belorussia, mostly in the Poles'ye Lowland. During the postwar years, improvement work was continued on a considerable scale. On the drained land, kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic grow large crops of grain, hemp, kok-sagyz, potatoes, and other crops.

During the Fifth Five-Year Plan, drainage of the Poles'ye Lowland will be accomplished by controlling the Pripyat' River and its numerous tributaries and by creating a system of large reservoirs. (4)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for harvesting of grain crops, flax, and grass seed in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 September:

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Winter and Spring Grains Reaped</u>	<u>Grain Stacked or Hauled Un- stacked for Threshing</u>	<u>Grain Crops Threshed</u>	<u>Flax Pulled</u>	<u>Flax Threshed</u>	<u>Flax Spread Out</u>	<u>Perennial Seed Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Perennial Seed Grasses Threshed</u>
Baranovichskaya	84.6	97.9	31.5	79.9	28.5	18.6	33.8	16.9
Bobruyskaya	89.5	97.3	46.2	94.1	55.0	48.2	34.7	53.8
Brestskaya	93.3	97.1	40.9	94.2	47.9	33.3	27.9	5.6
Gomel'skaya	91.6	100.0	64.0	93.6	72.3	56.9	60.6	58.1
Grodenskaya	92.2	95.8	32.3	91.1	29.0	18.0	24.4	4.9
Minskaya	74.5	94.6	44.0	88.8	20.0	13.6	29.3	46.3
Mogilevskaya	73.4	87.2	49.1	95.8	36.7	24.6	19.5	45.3
Molodechnenskaya	85.1	90.6	28.8	63.1	18.4	10.8	38.7	5.8
Pinskaya	89.0	97.8	39.6	97.1	64.5	51.9	29.8	35.0
Poleskaya	91.6	100.0	54.1	95.8	65.9	54.7	69.0	61.9
Polotskaya	72.7	89.8	49.9	77.9	20.7	15.3	9.5	20.1
Vitebskaya	58.3	82.3	45.8	92.5	20.2	13.4	9.4	34.3

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for sowing of winter crops and plowing of fallow in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 September (5):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Winter Crops Sown</u>	<u>Including Wheat Sown</u>	<u>Second Crops Sown</u>	<u>Winter Fallow Plowed</u>	<u>Black Summer Fallow Plowed</u>
Baranovichskaya	33.4	11.5	6.4	9.7	21.1
Bobruyskaya	61.8	34.5	1.8	15.2	15.2
Brestskaya	48.3	14.4	0.7	7.1	28.4
Gomel'skaya	61.4	29.6	1.1	14.0	29.7
Grodzenskaya	40.3	16.2	1.5	5.3	48.9
Minskaya	54.3	9.5	0.8	12.6	8.2
Mogilevskaya	59.0	13.3	0.7	10.7	2.5
Molodechnenskaya	30.5	6.2	2.4	4.8	3.7
Pinskaya	45.5	24.8	4.2	9.5	61.7
Poleskaya	58.4	19.6	9.6	11.1	6.0
Polotskaya	39.4	25.0	1.7	4.0	12.3
Vitebskaya	39.2	11.1	0.2	3.8	--

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Ukrainian SSR

The Ministry of Agriculture Ukrainian SSR reports that, as of 31 August, kolkhozes of the republic had reaped 85.7 percent of all grain crops, including 94.4 percent of all spiked grain crops. The plan for harvesting by combine had been met 82 percent, straw had been stacked on 57.9 percent of the area harvested by combine. About 79 percent of all reaped grain, including that combined, had been threshed. Harvesting of legumes, millet, buckwheat, grass seed, tobacco, and other crops was continuing.

Sowing of winter crops was developing in the republic. The plan for sowing of winter crops had been met by kolkhozes of Khar'kovskaya Oblast 57 percent, Voroshilovgradskaya Oblast 49.5 percent, and Kievskaya Oblast 48 percent. (6)

Moldavian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for harvesting of sunflowers and perennial and annual grass seed in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 September:

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Sunflowers Harvested by Combine</u>	<u>Total Sunflowers Harvested</u>	<u>Perennial Grass Seed Harvested</u>	<u>Annual Grass Seed Harvested</u>
Bel'tskiy	1.6	25.1	68.0	43.1
Kagul'skiy	22.7	40.4	50.4	44.7
Kishinevskiy	7.2	21.0	65.4	65.3
Tiraspol'skiy	2.2	6.7	72.7	28.4

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for fodder procurement and mowing of fodder crops in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 September (7):

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Ensilage Procured</u>	<u>Coarse Fodder Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Crops Mowed</u>	<u>Sown Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Natural Grasses Mowed</u>	<u>Second Crops Mowed</u>
Bel'tskiy	39.6	54.2	79.0	52.9	73.8	21.9
Kagul'skiy	92.7	43.0	96.0	93.8	100.0	13.3
Kishinevskiy	52.9	48.7	100.0	59.6	90.0	10.0
Tiraspol'skiy	61.3	45.4	88.2	75.8	74.9	38.6

Georgian SSR

The Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR reports that, as of 1 September, 384,843 hectares of grain had been reaped in the republic, including 221,156 hectares by combine. Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast had reaped 4,860 hectares of sunflowers. They are continuing to mow natural grasses.

Of the area to be sown to winter wheat, 57,127 hectares had been plowed by tractor, including 55,854 hectares in Tbilisskaya Oblast. Of the area to be winter fallowed, 11,573 hectares had been plowed, including 11,187 hectares in Tbilisskaya Oblast. Sowing of winter crops had begun; kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast had sown 271 hectares by 1 September.

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As of 1 September, tobacco-growing kolkhozes of the republic had cut and strung 70,592,209 string-meters of tobacco, including 15,224,447 in Tbilisskaya Oblast, 51,120,600 in Abkhazskaya ASSR, and 4,247,162 in Aizharskaya ASSR.

On 30 August, Tbilisskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain (except maize) to the state 100.1 percent, including wheat 106.4 percent. In 1952, 3,020,920 more pud of wheat were delivered to state granaries than in 1951.(8)

The Ministry of Agriculture Georgian SSR reports that, as of 10 September, 412,508 hectares of grain had been reaped in the republic, including 231,307 by combine. Harvesting of spike grain crops had been completed in Kutaiskaya Oblast.

In Tbilisskaya Oblast, 22,732 hectares had been plowed for winter fallow. Coarse fodder procurement and ensilage storage were proceeding slowly. Kolkhozes of the republic had fulfilled the plan for procurement of coarse fodder only 36.6 percent, that for ensilage storage only 50.2 percent.

As of 1 September, tobacco-growing areas of the republic had fulfilled the plan for cutting and stringing tobacco 70.6 percent, including those of Tbilisskaya Oblast 75.7 percent, Abkhazskaya ASSR 71.6 percent, and Adzharskaya ASSR 53.3 percent.

Kolkhozes of Tbilisskaya Oblast had begun harvesting sunflowers and maize; 10,886 hectares of sunflowers and 1,869 hectares of maize had been harvested. In Yugo-Osetinskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast, 7,243 hectares of sunflowers had been harvested.

As of 1 September, MTS of Tbilisskaya Oblast had plowed 55,854 hectares of land, which constituted 23 percent of the plan.(9)

Azerbaydzhan SSR

By 2 September, kolkhozes and MTS of Nagorno-Karabakhskaya Avtonomnaya Oblast had fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state 112.1 percent, including wheat 100.9 percent.

By 2 September, kolkhozes of Nakhichevanskaya ASSR had fulfilled the plan for delivery of wool to the state 103.6 percent. Deliveries in excess of plan are continuing.

By 2 September, sovkhoses of the Ministry of State Farms Azerbaydzhan SSR had fulfilled the plan for delivery of wool to the state 102.9 percent. Deliveries in excess of plan are continuing.(10)

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In Krasnoyarskiy Kray, 81,000 more hectares of grain were harvested by combine than in 1951.(11)

As of 10 September, kolkhozes and MTS of the oblast had fulfilled the plan for harvesting of grain crops only 39.2 percent. A large part of the grain is still standing in the fields.(12)

Kolkhozes and sovkhoses of Moskovskaya Oblast fulfilled the plan for sowing of winter crops on 7 September. More than 50 percent of the winter wheat and rye was sown by the crisscross and close-row methods.(13)

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Kazakh SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for fodder procurement in kolkhozes and sovkhoses of the republic, as of 10 September (14):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Kolkhozes</u>		<u>Sovkhoses</u>	
	<u>Hay Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>	<u>Hay Procured</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>
Akmolinskaya	25.7	45.0	34.7	25.0
Aktyubinskaya	51.9	41.5	27.7	13.6
Alma-Atinskaya	62.5	88.9	60.9	88.2
Dzhambul'skaya	69.3	82.3	103.5	81.8
Gur'yevskaya	71.8	29.2	--	--
Karagandinskaya	60.2	54.6	60.0	47.9
Kokchetavskaya	38.0	47.5	41.5	28.6
Kustanayskaya	45.7	37.4	36.3	15.9
Kzyl-Ordinskaya	70.8	81.0	34.1	69.4
Pavlodarskaya	42.4	56.7	56.7	30.2
Semipalatinskaya	48.0	70.7	57.2	50.7
Severo-Kazakhstanskaya	47.0	21.4	50.9	45.8
Taldy-Kurganskaya	55.1	90.1	60.9	65.2
Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya	46.3	89.0	--	--
Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya	66.9	45.8	115.4	115.2
Zapadno-Kazakhstanskaya	37.3	27.9	--	--

Uzbek SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for delivery of wool to the state in oblasts of the republic, as of 10 September (15):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>	<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>
Andizhanskaya	64.7	Khorezmskaya	44.1
Bukharskaya	67.7	Namanganskaya	58.3
Ferganskaya	64.7	Samarkandskaya	73.4
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	57.2	Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	63.0
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	78.2	Tashkentskaya	61.0

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The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 plan for raw cotton procurement in oblasts of the republic, as of 10 September (16):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>	<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>
Andizhanskaya	7.40	Khorezmskaya	1.24
Bukharskaya	6.34	Namanganskaya	1.93
Ferganskaya	3.71	Samarkandskaya	0.27
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	0.23	Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	10.68
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	10.89	Tashkentskaya	1.72

Kirgiz SSR

On 23 August, 28 days earlier than in 1951, sovkhozes of the republic fulfilled the plan for delivery of grain to the state.(17)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for grain harvesting and fodder procurement in the republic, as of 10 September (18):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Grain Crops Reaped</u>	<u>Grain Crops Threshed (percent of area reaped)</u>	<u>Ensilage Stored</u>	<u>Total Fodder Procured (in terms of hay)</u>
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	89.3	88.4	86.6	59.5
Frunzenskaya	93.7	96.2	51.7	47.1
Issyk-Kul'skaya	54.7	95.4	89.5	24.6
Oshskaya	81.5	84.4	94.9	51.0
Talasskaya	83.7	97.0	82.9	45.0
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	18.2	67.4	95.6	57.8

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1952 plans for harvesting and procurement of tobacco in kolkhozes of the republic, as of 10 September (19):

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>Tobacco Harvested</u>	<u>Tobacco Procured</u>
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	50.4	3.4
Oshskaya	78.6	5.3
Talasskaya	49.2	1.6

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